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TAGS: PGOV, PHUM, KJUS, RW  
SUBJECT: PARLIAMENT RECESSES: SUPREME COURT,  
FOREIGN MAGISTRATES UNRESOLVED

REF: KIGALI 2164

1. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WENT INTO A MONTH-LONG RECESS  
JULY 12, HAVING SENT BACK TO GOVERNMENT BILLS AUTHORIZING  
FOREIGN MAGISTRATES AND FORMING THE SUPREME COURT.  
GOVERNMENT WILL PRESUMABLY STUDY THE PARLIAMENT'S  
OBJECTIONS TO THE TWO BILLS. PRESENTATION OF A NEW  
SUPREME COURT LIST IS CERTAIN, BUT THE FATE OF THE

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FOREIGN MAGISTRATES BILL IS LESS CLEAR. ONE CLOSE  
OBSERVER OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SCENE TOLD US THAT HE  
THOUGHT FOREIGN MAGISTRATES IS NOW A DEAD ISSUE, THOUGH  
FOREIGN LEGAL EXPERTS AS ADVISERS COULD STILL GO FORWARD.  
IN AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS WITH AN RPF  
IDEOLOGUE AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ON JULY 13, WE ASKED  
FOR HIS VIEWS OF WHAT RWANDAN SOCIETY WOULD LOOK LIKE  
FIVE YEARS FROM NOW. HE RESPONDED THAT NOTHING WILL HAVE  
CHANGED IN FIVE YEARS -- "FIVE YEARS IS NOT ENOUGH TIME  
TO DO WHAT WE WANT TO DO." HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO TELL US  
WHAT "WE" WANT TO DO. RAWSON

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